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# AVIATORS FLIGHT LOG BOOK

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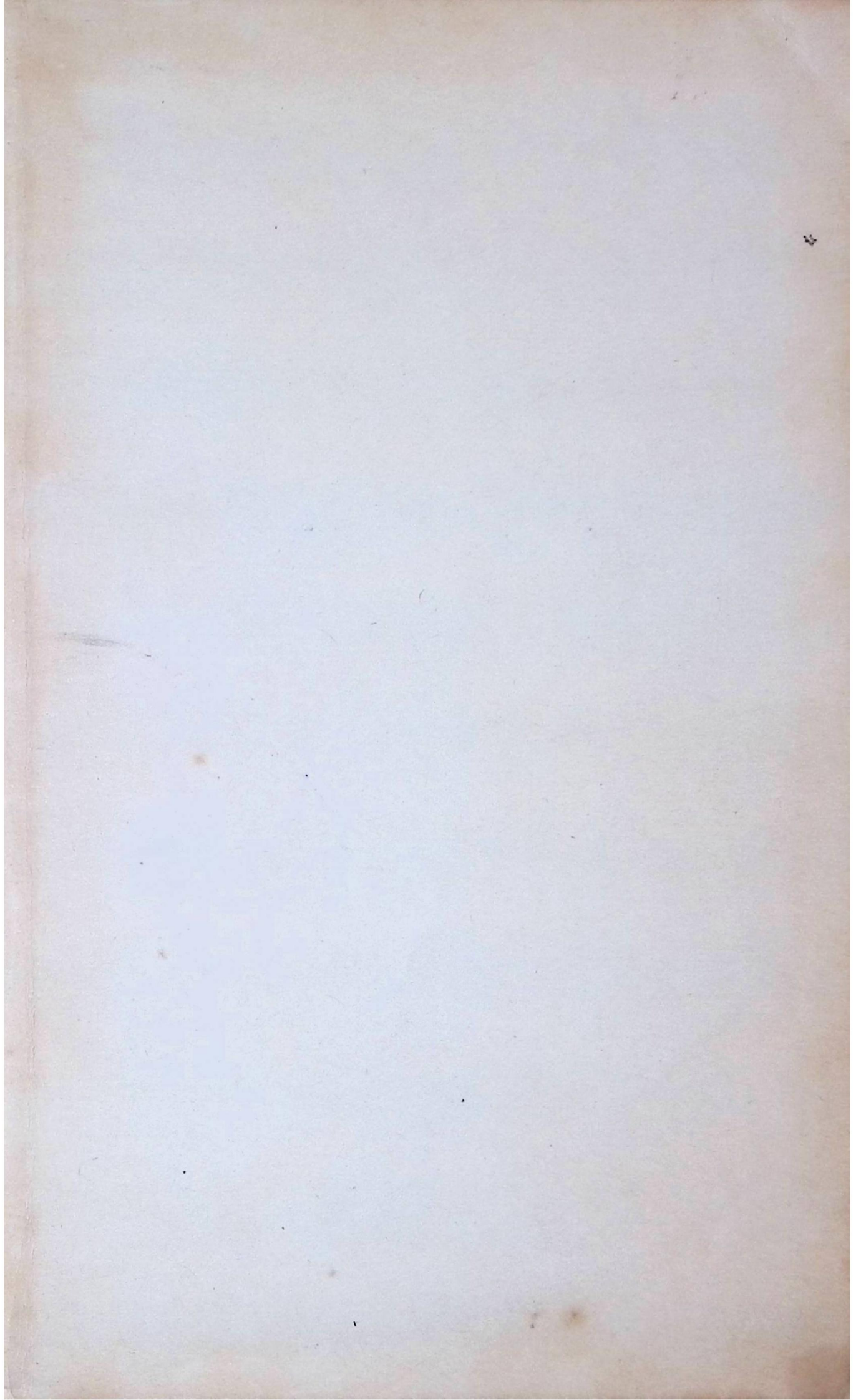
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Frank Patrick Pealotti amn. 4c  
1455 San Jacinto CV 430  
V2 DIV.







AUG.

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
2	N2T1	32469	1.5	E	A/c LABOUFF
11	N2S3	07980	1.6	"	" JAHN
13	N2T1	32482	1.5	"	" FINK
26	N2T1		1.5	"	A/c WEGENER
27	N2T1		1.5	"	" FINK
Total time to date,					







Dec-1943

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FEB. 1944

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
7	N253	07606	1.0	E	A/C. Cuddeback
11	"	4325	1.3	"	" Meigel
11	"	07063	1.1	"	" CARR
13	"	07406	1.6	"	" ZABKA
Total time to date,					



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

SELF

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US NAS LIVERPOOL, C

DUAL

BROUGHT  
FORWARDTHIS  
QUARTER  
TOTAL TO  
DATE

21.6

21.6

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING FLIGHT  
RECORD IS CORRECT.Lt. J. H. Chamberlain  
Squadron Commander

APPROVED

J. H. Chamberlain  
SQUADRON COMMANDER



April 1944

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
6	N2S-3	0764	1.3	E	A/c Colter
6	" 3	0736	1.3	E	" "
7	" 3	0736	1.3	E	" Barry
24	TBM	25123	1.0	FIXED GUN.	Ens. G. Bush
	TBM	25123	3.5	FIXED GUN SUB	Ens. K. Bush
Total time to date,					



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

Self

1.3

11

2.6

11

3.9

STEINBECK

SELF

DELANEY

SELF

Kaneohe Bay Hawaii  
San Joaquin 300TH  
Pacific

US NAS LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

DUAL SOLO PASS TOTAL

BROUGHT  
FORWARD

2.16

THIS

3.9

3.9

CHARGES

TOTAL TO

DATE

25.5

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING FLIGHT  
RECORD IS CORRECT.Lt. USN  
Squadron Commander

APPROVED

J. P. Parkette

BY DIRECTION

H. J. Chamberlain



Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Captain Pilot Memorandum
					May 19 1944 to April 30 1945
					The battle history of the USS San Jacinto is unique. She has fought in more battles and steamed more miles in combat during the past year than any other CV. CVL. CVE. in the U.S. Fleet. Without interruption or respite she has fought continuously and contiguously with either the Third or Fifth Fleet in every operation in the Pacific from the attacks on Marcus and Wake Islands in May 1944 through the assault and invasion of Okinawa, April 1945.
					Partial list of Campaign & Battle Caroline Islands
					Attack on Marcus & Wake - May 19 - 23 Detached from Group and proceed to position 450 miles from Tokyo to destroy picket boats - closest approach to Japan of any carrier group except The Doolittle Raid to that date.
					Total time to date,



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

attacks on Yap, Palau, Ulithi  
July 25-27. In support of assault  
and occupation of Palau and Ulithi:  
attacks on Palau Sept 6-18.

## Marianas Islands

In support of assault and occupation  
of Guam, Saipan and Tinian:

attacks on Saipan June 11-July 16  
First Battle of Philippine Sea June  
19-20. attacks on Guam July 12-13  
attacks on Bonin Islands, Aug. 4-5  
attacks on Tinian August 6-20  
attacks on Bonin Islands Aug 31-Sept. 3

## Philippine Islands

In support <sup>of</sup> ~~and~~ assault and occu-  
pation of Luzon:

attacks on Luzon, Okinawa, Marianas  
Islands and Formosa - Oct. 29-13  
attacks Manila Bay area Oct 14-20



Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
Attack aircraft installation, Sept 20-23					
Second Battle of Philippine Sea, attacks against force, Japanese Fleet, Oct 25-27					
attack aircraft installations on Leyte Nov. 8-11					
attack on shipping Manila Bay Nov. 13-18					
In support of assault and occupation of Mindanao:					
attacks on aircraft installations on Luzon, Dec. 14-16					
Typhoon 18-23 Dec 1944					
Port, Cebu 23-29 Dec.					
1945 campaigns H.G. 45					
In support of occupation and assault of Mindanao:					
attacks on aircraft installations on Formosa and Luzon Jan 3-9					
attacks on Saigon, Camranh Bay, French Indo-China Jan 10-20					
attacks on Formosa, Okinawa, and Ie Shima Jan 21-22					
First attack on Tokyo, Japanese Empire Feb. 15-17					
Total time to date,					



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

## Bonin Islands

In support of assault and occupation of Iwo Jima  
attacks on Island of Iwo Jima Feb 19-22

Second attack on Tokyo, Japanese Empire Feb 25  
attacks on Mamiya Shoto Islands, Feb 27-Mar 1

## Ryukyu Islands

In support of assault and occupation of Okinawa:  
First attack on Kyushu and Kobe, Jap. Empire Mar. 18-21  
continuous attacks of Ryukyu + Mamiya Shoto Islands Mar 20-27



Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
Worthy Activities MAY 1944 - APRIL 1945					
					Planes shot down 136
					enemy ships sunk 11
					Number of flights 1072
					Sorties 9291
					Strikes and Sweeps against enemies 2208
					C.A.P. in direct support of amphibians open. <sup>(SORTIES 370)</sup> <sup>(FLIGHT 40)</sup>
					C.A.P. of over Task Force SORTIES 3539
					FLIGHTS 447
					FLIGHTS 297
					ASP " " " " SORTIES 1202
					SORTIES 142
					Search and Recon Flight. FLIGHT 14
					FLIGHT 114
					Training and Misc. SORTIES 1822
					Enemy Planes shot down. UNASSISTED 12
					Landings 9393
					Touchings 9291
					Fly aways 3,982
					Catapult 5309
					Miles steamed in combat area 118,219
Total time to date,					



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

## EVENTS

4 VF 51 shooting down 7 Jap Bombs, 1 probable out of 10  
 also Jap torpedo attack at evening got them all,  
 Jap trying to land on our deck at night after 1<sup>st</sup>  
 battle of Philippine Sea. Flying A.S.P. off carrier  
 Jap dive bomber misses "Big E", shot down  
 Jap dive bomber. Hits Franklin. Killed 4 men, shot down  
 we turn away 2 with B.F.

Franklin takes near miss as flaming torpedo plane  
 falls just across flight deck, we take 3 near  
 misses from torpedo planes, can't figure how they  
 missed - "Big E" takes near miss in one of the  
 greatest all night Jap torpedo attacks Oct 13  
 Franklin takes a suicide plane amidships  
 takes another near bomb miss and same  
 plane crashes on Belleau Wood as she is  
 launching planes, lot of men killed on both  
 ships. "Big E" shoots wing off another, as  
 we take two near misses off the beam.

The first battle of Philippine Sea  
 when our planes had to land in dark  
 Jap plane tried to land on our deck



Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
					<p>The second battle of the Philippine Sea as we shellacked Jap carriers and fleet. Our damn good torpedo spread got one carrier on that deal. Plastered shot down, rescued. Buchar had wing tips shot off, West had elevator aileron shot off, Tosen loaded plane with hydraulic system and controls all shot up.</p> <p>Ticonderoga and Langley dive bombed. Ticon took 2 toro suicide planes, really burned up. Langley took small bomb down officers quarters.</p> <p>Franklin again - took a couple of bombs as she was launching planes in the greatest carrier disaster of the war. The dive bombing attack we were under as we covered her retreat. Hancock near miss, hit can, Bataan near miss. Waip takes 1000 lbs in the mess hall.</p> <p>The typhoon we went through</p>
<p>Total time to date, "Big E" near missed 3 times and one hit, either small bomb or 17 17 shell</p>					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	<i>Seaside &amp; drill bomb - tuxedo</i>
<i>Steamer</i>	<i>3 times</i>
<i>Ticonderoga</i>	
<i>Langley</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Belleau Wood</i>	
<i>"Big E"</i>	
<i>Birmingham</i>	
<i>Hancock</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Wasp</i>	<i>1000</i>
<i>Intrepid</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Sacaton</i>	
<i>Lifington</i>	
<i>reel. train</i>	
<i>Pandora</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Bataan</i>	
<i>Bunker Hill</i>	



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	Left the State April 14, arrived Pearl Harbor April 19. Went to Kaneohe Bay for G. C. 50 shutdown flights and plane turnups. Then one flight with Ens. Bush, pilot of the plane in plane captain of, on fixed gunnery run.
	Left Pearl for Miyajima May 3.
May 6, my birthday. 30 years old, "over."	
May 7-8 hit dateline lost May 7	
May 9 hit Miyajima, anchor	
May 14 left for Marcus and Wake. 1st bombing	
May 14-18 just wondering	
May 17 Met two tankers	
May 18	Fueled. Left took force with 4 cans and one H.A. cruiser, for Diego
May 19	Position about 600 miles from Tokyo. planes took off at 0630, search, no luck returned at 1130. planes up again at 1430 returned 1730, no luck, 3 more on last flight found Japs, bombers tomorrow.



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May 20					
Plane up - bombed and strafed two Jap picket boats - left in sinking condition					
May 21					
Regained task force - contacted Jap planes - no attack - 500 miles from Japan - closest ship so far in this area					
May 21					
Bailed Wake Island - bombed all day - <sup>completes</sup> first mission					
May 21 - 26					
Back to Majuro safely					
May 26 - June 5					
fuel and provisions					
June 6					
Left Majuro with fleet					
June 7					
Fleet split up in 4 groups - our group 58.3 - 16 cans, 5 BB and 4 carriers - San Jacinto - Princeton - Big E - and Lexington. Good group.					
June 10					
Army B24 from Eniwetok shot down two Betsys, 75 and 100 miles from us.					
June 11					
Attacked Saipan - our planes strafed and destroyed large number of airplanes. Other force planes shot down 6 Japs.					
Total time to date,					



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

June 12 D-4 Japs overhead all night - know our position - dropped flares, night like day - no attack. Our planes hit Saipan all day - gave it hell. Lost one plane and pilot - m/c Elvaine

June 13 D-3 Big day - Planes hit <sup>all day</sup> down to dusk. Bombed and strafed the barracks, railroads, truck convoys, and coastal guns. Sunk 11 ships of reinforcement convoy headed for island. Got a cruiser and 5 cons coming out of harbor. Strafed the city.

Battle wagons started bombarding this afternoon hit sugar refineries, the town and everything in general. 8 of our planes on C. H. P. ran across six Jap sampans - sank them. (4 TBM - 4 F6)

June 14 D-2 Raided Rota in morning - Saipan afternoon

June 15 D+DAY Marines invaded Saipan at 0800  
Our <sup>4 planes</sup> C. H. P. shot down 8 of 10 Jap Torj's.

We were under Jap torpedo plane attack at evening - splashed 6 Bettys - some fireworks. not scored, but sure got <sup>a lot of explosion</sup> out of it.



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+ June 16	-	Bailed Guam	-	our planes shot up by A.A. fire - 2 knocked down - saved the pilots.	
+ June 17	-	Left Saipan area	-	look for Jap Fleet	
+ June 18	-	we shot down 2 Japs today.		My pilot hit the drink just off our starboard bow when plane hit an oil leak - nice water landing - pilot and crewman, Delany and Madew, okay.	
+ June 19	-	Large groups of Jap planes trying to get in.		all carriers have all possible fighters in air - some got in but not out - Big E took a direct bomber miss - we helped splash Jap. altogether a record 407 Jap planes shot down	
		Jap Fleet spotted - took after them -		Skipper Melvin of VT-51 and Ens Guy of VT-51 took off from our ship. Skipper Lt. Com. Melvin got a can and Ens. Guy put his eggs on a carrier - dam good work - Planes came in after dark. Ens. Guy landed okay - The Skipper was cut out by plane that crashed on deck. He made a water landing - picked up okay.	
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
continued June 19	- a lot of planes hit the docks that night - cars were picking them up all night. - F. M. M. 3/4 Frye and I are working on the hangar deck pulling a check on an F6 while planes were trying to land when some guys said that if a Jap tried to land on our carrier - couldn't recognize him till he got a wave off - red meat balls on wings and fus. - good thing he wasn't a yoji. June 20 - chased Jap Fleet some more - fired planes etc.
June 21	- same as yesterday and flew <sup>C.F.P.</sup> H.S.P.
June 22	- Our C.F.P. shot down 1 Jap
June 23	- " " " " 2 "
June 24	- Back at Saipan - support invasion
June 25	- Japs bombed our forces at Saipan as we bombed Guam today.
June 26	- hit Guam again I flew H.S.P.
June 27	- hit Guam with 2000 lbs - night fighters shot down 1 Jap. - Steinbeck flew on this strike with Cdr. Bush



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June 28-					Hit Guam again - Big "E" night fighters got 3 Japs last night
June 29 -					Our C.I.F.P. splashed 1 Jap as we bombed Guam
June 30 -					Guam gets it again. got another TBM off Bellam Wood
July 1		"	"	"	"
July 2					Hit Guam again and also picked up one of our pilots who was shot down before - spent 17 days in life raft.
July 3 -					Guam again
July 4 -					Independence Day - Bombed Guam in morning - Bots in afternoon.
July 5					We Flew HSP & E.F.P.
July 6					dropped incendiaries on Guam, really burnt the town.
July 7 - 8 - 9					arrived at Eniwetok after 33 days sea
July 14 -					Left Eniwetok at 1430
July 20 -					eclipse of the sun - pretty nice.
July 21 -					D-Day - Army invades Guam. We bombed Guam
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
July 22-23-24	Nice weather as we cruise west
July 25 -	Bombed Palau. Lt. Houk and crew lost as plane shot down - Hit water and was strafed
July 26 -	Strafed and bombed Palau 4 times today
July 27 -	Lost one plane - shot down
July 28 -	bombed Palau again
July 29-30	cruise back - hot.
July 31	anchored off <sup>Saipan</sup> Palau - lost <sup>\$5</sup> on <sup>anchor</sup> pool
August 1	Wagons, cruises and cans shelled Tinian all night - Tinian about 3 mi from sea
Aug. 2	left Saipan at 1545
Aug 3	Took Tinian today - good deal.
Aug 4	cruise north - little rough - our fighters raided Chichi Jima + Iwo Jima in the Bonin Island group
Aug 5	fighters hit Chichi Jima again head back to Eniwetok
Aug 9	arrived Eniwetok at 1100 lost <sup>\$5</sup> on <sup>anchor</sup> pool
Aug 28	left Eniwetok 0530 after spending 19 days provisioning fueling and also got a new TBM - sure a hot iron.



Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
Aug 29 -					Headed north a little cooler here
Sept 2 -					Bombed Iwo Jima and Chick's Jima 4 times today.
Sept 3 -					Same as yesterday - my pilot was shot up and hit the silk at 5000 ft plane was burning - Radio man 3/c Delaney and Lt J. G. White, photo officer, went down with the plane. Pilot just hit his head on tail as he left plane, ripped his chute but made it down into the drink safely picked up by submarine - spent
Sept 4 -					arrived Saipan at 1500. lost <sup>anchor</sup> 3 on pool
Sept 5 -					left Saipan at 1400
Sept 6 -					cruising
Sept 7 -					Hit Yap 4 times today.
Sept 8 - 9 -					going west.
Sept 10 -					Hit Palau once.
Sept 11 -					" "
Sept 12 -					cruising - another force hit Philippines and sunk convoy of 53 ships - The way it should be done
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
Sept 13 -	Baided Palau
Sept 14 -	" "
Sept 15 D-DAY	Marines invade Palau <sup>0800</sup> as we cover landings - Left the waters and crew
Sept 16-17-18-19	Standing by for support on landings then head south
Sept 20 -	crossed the equator at 1220
Sept 21 -	arrive at Manis Island in the admiralty group at 1630
Sept 22	-
Sept 23	Eddie Peabody on board tonight didn't see him.
Sept 24	Get underway at 0930 - I'm now a shell back - good initiation



PASSENGERS

REMARKS

Goehring Pump

SEPT. 3<sup>rd</sup>

BUSH'S PLANE SHOT, HE

LANDED IN OCEAN,

INJURED







PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	<p>that jammed near got us, one just off our porttail the other off our bow. close amid the word the fish must have went under us. another Jap just crashed over our deck. The Franklin jammed near took a "flamer" on her deck - possibly might have scratched her. Big "E" got a close one. about eight Japs were shot down in a few minutes. To close for comfort, Capt. Mike Hernade took over command of ship relieving Capt Martin on this day - Oct.</p> <p>Oct 15 - Jap dive bomber attacks Franklin hit - 3 or 4 men killed - no serious damage, operational - 70-80 Jap planes coming out to us. Our task group fighters - saved our neck - Our fighters got 9.</p> <p>Oct 16 - * Slagged our fanway out to fuel our fighters strafed the deck of landing planes</p> <p>Oct 17 - Our C.A.P. shot down two planes</p> <p>Oct 18 - Our C.A.P. " " one Judy</p> <p>* 2 men killed and 27 injured</p>



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Oct 19-				Heading south	
Oct 20-				DDAY-involving Leyte - we are covering the landings.	
Oct 21-				Field	
Oct 22				keeping a look out for Japs	
Oct 23 -				Sighted part of Jap fleet off northern Luzon and are going top speed that way	
Oct 24-				Just like a game of chess - trying to get a good spot for attack.	
Oct 25-				Sighted Jap fleet at 10:00 and attacked. Came back, loaded up, and went back again. Lost 2 planes on second attack but saved the one fighter pilot and torpedo pilot and crew. With the crewman, saved his pilots and radio man's life by pulling them both out of the plane, while in the water. We sank 4 Jap carriers, 2 cruisers, a few cons etc. The USS Princeton was sunk off Leyte, covering the invasion. Our BB. went south to help the other 2 <sup>nd</sup> fleet	
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
Oct 26 -	Refueled - feel good
Oct 28 -	A plane sank a sub. <sup>Jap</sup>
Oct - 29 -	Jap losses for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battle of the Philippine sea was - 4 carriers - 1 wagon 1 probab - 6 heavy cruisers - 3 light cruisers - 3 small cruisers or large cans - 6 cans. Our losses were - The Princeton CVL - 2 C.V.E. St. Lo, Ketchikan Bay - 2 cans - 1 D.E.
Oct 30 -	about 25-30 Japs out to get us today - C.I.P. got all but 5 of them and they dammed near got us - First time under suicide pilots attack, Kamakazi they call it, we call them "Yogi boys" - Seen Franklin get hit and take a near miss by another who then crashed lined on the Bellaw Woods - one of them dove on the Big "E" and between the "E" and us, shot it down, Two of them then came down on us -



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one from the starboard stern, but crashed about 5 yards off port bow - the other came in from starboard bow and crashed off port bow just missed us. Jap planes and pilots all over the flight deck - worked them off with firehose - Franklin and De Cleve Wood have casualties - not operational - head for port. This kind of attack scared hell out of me, you can't <sup>find</sup> a safe place on any ship.

Nov. 1 - arrived at Rethi  
 Nov 5 - underway at 1600  
 Nov 6 - Heading N. W.  
 Nov 7 - " "  
 Nov 8. Bombed Manila Harbor in morning  
 " " " " in afternoon  
 Note - Picked up <sup>my</sup> pilot Ens. Bark who was shot down at Ima Jima. quite a story - spent 30 days ~~on~~ sub - was on it when sub.

Total time to date,



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	<p>attacked Jap convoy - bombed and depth charged - made it back to Pearl O'key</p> <p>He looks good - earned submarine dolphin.</p>
Nov. 9 - 22	Helped support invasion of Leyte - Philippines - bombing & strafing etc
Nov. 22	arrived at Rflithi
Nov 23 - 28	provisioned ships
Nov. 29	Underway at 0530 - headed for Guam
Nov. 30	arrived at Guam - air group 51
	was relieved by air group 45 - under- way at 1500
Dec 1 - Dec 8	This operation was patrol duty and training exercises for the new air group - weather getting colder and rough - back to Rflithi
Dec 11 -	underway at 0800
Dec 12 -	N. W.
Dec 13 -	bombed Luzon
Dec 14 -	fighters rocket Luzon
Dec 15 -	" " "
Dec 16 -	" " "



Goehring Pump

NOV. 8<sup>th</sup>

"PICKED UP MY PILOT."

Dec 10 -



Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
Dec 17	-				fueled today. foul weather
Dec 18	-				In a typhoon - ships heels to about 40 degrees - fighter broke loose on hangar deck, breaking the T.B.M. loose - one hell of a mess - planes all smashed - hangar deck a mess - good thing no gas in planes - fire on hangar deck - 50 caliber ammo. set off by fire. - everything on back deck broke loose, engines, man's boxes, tool boxes - engines rolled out of roller curtain. Meeker's plane, or rather the cockpit, that's all there left of it, is in the elevator pit. 7 T.B.M.'s and one fighter smashed.
Dec 19 - 20					clearing out hangar deck
Dec 21 - 29					arrived at Yokohama - repair damages
Xmas Day					Had a 4-8 firewatch - hours for breakfast, lunch and supper - everybody working like hell to get ship fixed, Hell of a Xmas, tired
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	got an old + B.M. 1c ("the unlimited" P.G. 81)
Dec 30	Ship fired underway at 0800
Dec 31	cruising north
Jan 1	New Years Day - same as yesterday
Jan 2	fueled ship.
Jan 3	Planes off at dawn to bomb, strafe and rocket Formosa
Jan 4	same as yesterday
Jan 5	fueled ship
Jan 6	planes off at dawn - hit airfields on Luzon - afternoon strikes canceled - foul weather
Jan 7	same as yesterday
Jan 8	fueled ships foul weather
Jan 9	army invaded Luzon as we bombed Formosa from morning till night.
Jan 10	Went into China Sea looking for Jap fleet - may be at Camraku Bay in French Indo China, at Hainan or Hong Kong. First thing I saw in China Sea in morning a flaming Betty
Jan 11	fueled ship on way to French-Indo-China.



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Jan 12					
<p>loaded + B.M. with fish - hit Camrahn Bay - no fleet - sunk 22 ships, tankers, freighters etc. Torpedo pilot, Lambros and crew made a forced landing in French-Indo-China - picked up by Free French - all okay</p>					
Jan 13					
<p>fuelled today - weather still lousy</p>					
Jan 14					
<p>Strikes on Canton, Hong Kong, <sup>and other places</sup> <sup>12 planes lost and damaged due to heavy swells - planes over the side</sup>  sank a lot of ships</p>					
Jan 15					
<p>same as yesterday - no planes lost</p>					
Jan 16					
<p>lousy weather - no operations</p>					
Jan 17					
<p>" " " "</p>					
Jan 18					
<p>Came out of China Sea</p>					
Jan 19					
<p>Strikes on Formosa and we are splashing a lot of Japs ferrying planes from Formosa to Luzon.</p>					
Jan 20					
<p>The same thing as yesterday</p>					
Jan 21					
<p>Hit Formosa again - this time the Japs got our number - a half dozen got by our A.P.C. and one of them bombed the Langley, exploded below decks - 2 of them</p>					
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	suicide <del>to</del> crashed the Ticonderoga and raised general hell. Seen the second one hit. Don't think I'll ever get used to them guys. Splashed the rest of them.
Jan 22 -	Fueled today -
Jan 23 -	New Group - Bombed Ofcinawa knocked hell out of town with 500 lb + 2000 lb bombs
Jan 24	Fueled again.
Jan 25	arrive of ethi - lost 5 on anchor pool
Feb Jan 26 - Feb 10	provision ships + asm.
Feb 10	under way 0730
Feb 11	heading north -
Feb 12	" " 3 years in Navy
Feb 13	fueled ships
Feb 14	gunnery exercises - expect something
Feb 15	something big coming up - Tokyo?
Feb 16	Fighters and bombers off, Tokyo airfields and aircraft plants - hit them hard
	Our fighters shot down 32 Japs - we lost one plane and pilot.



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Feb 17	fighters hit airfields again - no air opposition - destroyed large number of planes on ground - weather too foul for T.B.M.				
Feb 18	Heading S.E.				
Feb 19	D-DAY - Marines invade Iwo Jima, our planes covering landing - rough going over there Japs well over us most of night - put out smoke screen - mission splashed one.				
Feb 20	fueled ship - Saratoga takes 4 ryogis.				
Feb 21	Hit Iwo Jima all day - hard targets - Japs overhead again last night				
Feb 22	Same as yesterday lost one plane and pilot, another one hit the drink, saved.				
Feb. 23	fueled again				
Feb 24	Heading N.W. lousy weather				
Feb 25	Tokyo again - weather lousy - fighters got in - destroyed hangars and planes on ground T.B.M. <sup>3</sup> jetted and bombed - afternoon strikes canceled				
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
Feb. 26	Heading S. E.
Feb 27	Fueled again
28	Heading N.W.
Mar 1 <del>27</del>	Fighters and bombers hit Okinawa all day long
Mar 2	Hit Amami Oshima
Mar 3.	Fueled ship
Mar 4 <del>arrived</del>	arrived Yokichi
Mar 5	alongside repair ship to fix stacks that were rammed by tanker
Mar 6	Sex & campers gone to states
Mar 12	writing letters on my bunk this evening about 2000 - the rest of the evening at the movies on hangar deck General alarm goes off - come topside and find the Bantals on fire - a twin engine suicide bomber flew right over us and crashed on the flight deck of the Bantals. O.C. Kill the fire and we go back to movies and letter writing



Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
Mar 14 -	Left Oki	Hit	Yap	with napalm bombs - figure planes came from there that hit Rann.	
Mar 15 -	going north				
Mar 16 -	Fueled ship				
Mar 17 -	still going north.				
Mar. 18.	Hit Kyushu -	Lot of damage -			
	airfields, hangars, planes on ground				
	We had about 5 general alarms				
	that bogey hell is getting on our nerves.				
Mar 19	Head north and hit Kobe,				
	shipping in the harbor. We hit one				
	CVL of theirs and sunk it - also an in-				
	completed C.V. damaging it badly.				
	Had 3 general alarms. But the payoff				
	came after we just secured from U. S.				
	a silver Jap plane slipped in and				
	dropped a bomb on the Franklin				
	as she was launching planes. Our				
	gunners just got in about 4 shots				
Total time to date,					



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

The Franklin burned and exploded  
for hours after that but did not  
sink - don't <sup>know</sup> why it didn't. A cruiser  
has it under tow and we can expect  
more Japs.

May 20 Our group is staying  
around to cover the Franklin -  
a large group of Japs are heading  
out towards us and about 6 get  
through at 11 P. and then the  
fun begins. I see this one ~~target~~  
point his nose down from 12000  
feet and head for the Hancock  
and a can next to her - he was hit  
before he got all the way down -  
landed between the two ships - set the  
can on smoke screen off light damage,  
the Bataan took a near miss - sprung  
her plates, not bad - Big "E" took  
3 dive bombers misses but was



Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Char- acter of Flight	Pilot
					Hit by one of our ships 5" shells - set her afire - but she put it out shortly. The Big "E" is a good ship. These Japs were not suicide boys and were about the best we run across. The ships knocked down 4 out of the six and also a pilot off the Batavia, who was right on the tail of a Jap who was coming in - lost the plane but saw the pilot - that guy had a lot of guts.
					We were under attack at night also but no damage. Heard the Wasp got hit by a 1000 lb bomb on the 3rd deck
Mar 21					Nothing happened in the morning. C. Q. P. duty. - General alarm in afternoon. Twin engine bomber had his sights on us dropped a bomb - fell between us and can - stroked, hit 2 fellows, not bad - That was a "pick", and he was moaning.
		Total time to date,			



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
Mar 22	Fueled today - Big "E" - "Big Ben" the Wasp and Bataan left for repairs and we still carry on - guess we will have to be hit before we go back, even to Guam.
Mar 23	Hit Okinawa in afternoon splashed one Jap
Mar 24	Strikes over Okinawa again had 2 General Alouin - nothing doing sunk a Jap convoy 3 cans 3 freighters splashed another Jap
Mar 25	Hit them again and had general quarters damned near all day
Mar 26	Fueled today - bombs and stores also
Mar 27	Back again - 2 G. Q's lost night
Mar 28	Combed the islands again had O. Q. - C. H. P. splashed 4 Japs in morning - Report of Jap fleet up north - Planes took off - just a few cans and cargo ships - Planes came back at night - one fighter went through barrier



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					and smashed into a group of TBM's were being four that we threw over the side - and also injuring two men badly Don Horne has both legs broke and Dominey has a lacerations of the face and head - rainy weather. rugged duty. <del>Mar 29</del> have four T.B.M.'s off the Ballanwood also.
Mar 29					hit southern part of Kagoshima - rough going
Mar 30					Fueled today and took aboard some tin fish to replace the ones we put in gas ships.
Mar 31					Hit Okinawa today - F F fire pretty heavy - planes shot up. Lost one T.B.M. and crew also one fighter.
Apr 1					Maybe April Fools Day somewhere but it's D-DAY here for the landings on Okinawa and nobody's fooling today. We cover the waterfront - strafe
Total time to date,					



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

and bomb all day long

apr 2 - Hit the island all day long  
had one general alarm - nothing doing

april 3 Went south to relieve the British  
Fleet at <sup>the</sup> Sakashima Islands while

they fuelled - had 2 general alarms, no Japs  
got in to us. Lost one T.B.M. and crew  
on this strike. Last 4 days we have lost

4 aircrewman and 3 pilots - tough going

april 4 Had a nervous day today -  
general alarm most of day - Cunningham  
was just missed by a suicide plane -

Bellevue Wood shot one down and will  
take the cake today - had 4 of them

suicide ~~blast~~ planes come in on us

our gunners got 3 and a cruiser got  
the other just before he could get in

to us. Parts and pieces of Jap and planes

all over the flight deck - no damage  
to ship, but one gunner killed by flock

from Jap bomb as he hit water off bow



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April 7					
Planes took off loaded on report of that part of Jap fleet was out - it was - sunk the Yamato, 45,000 ton wagon, 2 cruisers, 3 cans. - had 4 general alarms, 2 planes got in to us and were splashed - Our C.F.P. splashed 3 Japs today gives them a total of 29 1/2 planes for the last 2 days					
Cebot is on the way back - recalled - plan back again					
April 8					
Fueled - ammo and bombs also					
April 9					
C.F.P. over target, Okuma					
April 10					
" " " "					
April 11					
fueled - ammo, bombs and chow					
April 12					
Some day - C.F.P. all day - general alarm practically all day - 2 bogeys got and were shot down - one almost hit a wagon					
bogeys overhead all night - planes dropped - night fighter splashed Betty					
April 13					
kind of easy day - C.F.P.					
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
April 14	C.F.P. all day - general alarm twice - 2 Japs got in and were shot down - kept coming in and out all day - 2 cans were hit - took force planes shot down plenty
April 15 -	C.A.P. all day again - fighter sweeps over airfields on Kyushu shot up a lot of planes on ground
April 16	general alarm at 2300 to 0130
"	" " 0500 to 0630
"	" " 0830 to 1100
"	" " 1215 to 1600
"	" " 1830 to 2200
"	" " 2330 to 0100
	We downed near got it at noon from a dive bomber but didn't release his bomb, look like he was going to make another run on us but crisiser shot him down after we hit him. We started firing first. I was crapped out on the hangar deck



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<u>cont.</u>					
					Our air group shot down 14 planes We were lucky to get out of that torpedo attack last night, more flak and planes flying around - Heard the Intrepid was hit yesterday
April <del>May</del> 17 -					Fueled today - the Intrepid joined us last night, - headed for repairs, not to lead.
April 18 -					Striking at Okinawa
April 19 -					" " " " " "
April 20 -					Striking Amami Oshima
April 21 -					Striking Minami Ogarai - and then at evening watch the cans pull close to shore and shell the island - then twin barreled cans can really throw the lead.
April 22 -					Fueled again
April 23 -					Hit Okinawa
April 24 -					Bad weather - nothing doing
April 25 -					Hit Okinawa
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
april 26	Fueled ship - Longly Rock to state
april 27	C. H. P. over the Island
april 28	" " " "
april 29	" " " "
april 30 P.S. lost 45 in anchor pool	arrived at Uthiti after 48 days at sea - rugged journey
May 1 - May 8	Got rid of our air group 45 and took on air group 49 - provisioned ship and it took
May 6 <sup>my</sup> - birthday 31 years	all hands long hours to get stocked up again, we were out of every thing. Head out again to break in new squadron
May 8 - 11	Still training squadron
May - 12	fueled today and looks like we are ready for another cruise. Been out 13 months don't know how long we will stay out. My plane has 35 strikes on it - 2 <sup>nd</sup> oldest plane on ship, Meekers got the oldest 44 strikes



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May 13	<p>Squadron on first full mission  Hit Kyushu airfields - 2 strikes  caught planes on ground - baggers on  screen this morning - C.F.P. splashed  1 mynt - same force - Birmingham,  Hornet, Belleau Wood, San Jac. - Hornet  is one hot operating carrier -</p>				
May 14	<p>Had G. H. last night - slept in plane  also had V. 9. in morning couple of times  Japs around all morning, some in  afternoon. - splashed Vone Jap who  was coming down on San Jac,  think cruise as B.B. got him, though  our guns were on him to. - B.B.  splashed one going in on a Hornet,  really blew up. V planes bombed the  Kyushu Islands, also Honshu, all day.</p>				
14 May 15	<p>fuelled today, also ammo and ordnance  37c dead) meeker traded his plane for new  250 injured) job, had 47 sticks on it, tops on</p>				
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	this carrier so far. Still have mine, 39 sticks so far may get up to him yet. no statement today.
May 16	Still fueling, C.F.P., gunnery my plane toward target - destination unknown so far
May 17	easy day - no bags - our planes flew C.F.P. over force, while Hornet, Bennington and Bellam Woods planes covered invasion of Island X Okinawa
May 18	Same as yesterday.
May 19	Bombed some island by Okinawa TBM in morning + fighters morning and afternoon
May 20	Fuel ship - gunnery practice my plane toward target - ok.
May 21	Bombed Kikai twice



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May 22	Bombed Kikau once with FBM fighters all day. Two fights collided, 1 pilot saved				
May 23	Bombed some island and then went after a Jap convoy of 12 troop ships with escorts and sank the marks, Sonoyama was killed for Okinawa				
24	fighter sweep over Ryushe strafed Betty on ground that had buzz bomb on it. We were 2 miles from Okinawa saw ships shelling beach early in morning				
May 25	Then C.F.P. over Ryushe - VF 49 shot down their first planes today a Zek and a Myrt, one other got away, 2 under it of Fochi in on it. G.P. once, foul weather. "Big E" hit				
May 26	strike on Okinawa, called back on account of weather - other carrier bombed in late afternoon				
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
May 27	Fuel today, plane towed target alters from fields. Ellis, Ellen and sister.
May 28	Bombed Okinawa this morning not much left to bowl, plane was stanchly, damn it, don't think I'll beat mycelas record of 47 strikes, have 43 so far, think they will trade plane for new one. Beat mycelas towing the line with 50 d pieces. also had G. Q. this morning.
May 29	Nothing doing today, planes flew C.F.P. over Okinawa.
May 30	Memorial Day - Good show today, flew C.F.P. over target scuttlebutt that we are gaining mouth.



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May 31	- Fueled ship, arm and provision				
June 1	- Hit Okinawa, our planes landed there and flew support for Marines - Tex's plane picked up <sup>bullet</sup> <del>flak</del> hole in port wing, mine got flak hole in starboard wing, also landed aboard with one bomb "soak" that didn't release				
June 2	Hit island north of Okinawa known as "Flak alley". torpedos 5 and 7 shot up head, radio man in 7 hit hurt bad with direct hit, will recover - #5 has to be traded in structural weakness - have 45 strikes on mine so far.				
June 3	Dived some island as yesterday, bogey on screen, faded, second strike cancelled on account of weather, foul				
June 4	rig for rough weather - possible typhoon				
June 5	Hit typhoon last night - center of it at 0000 this morning - really pitching				
Total time to date,					



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

and ralling, lasted most of day, and it  
 late this afternoon - one + B.M. flipped over  
 on its back by the 80 to 100 mile an hour  
 wind damaged another - the Harriet and  
 Bennington have the extreme ~~part~~ forward  
 part of flight deck smashed down over  
 bow - the Belleau Wood's planes on the  
 hangar deck broke loose and busted the  
 hangar deck apart; just like our last  
 December. - We just had the two planes  
 damaged, and stripped for parts, the  
 only damage to talk of, so that leaves  
 the San Jacinto the only fully operating  
 carrier in this group - we can  
 handle ourselves in these typhoons now  
 it being our fourth major ~~birds~~  
 besides two minor ones - rough day

June 6 Finished fueling - our planes  
 flew 3 C.F.P. hops and one search  
 hop of 4 + B.M. for survivors of







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## REMARKS

in the afternoon - have 47 missions on my plane now, tied Mucker's mark, may strike tomorrow, I hope.

Bennington  
June 10 - headed for port and repairs  
Hit Okaido Wato Island  
results unknown also had

June 11 - 3 fighters tops of C.H.P. + strike  
a couple of C.H.P. tops and  
simulated torpedo attack - gunnery  
practice, heading for port

June 12 a couple of C.H.P. tops today  
sent my plane to the Hornet  
for another one in exchange, had  
300 hrs on it, 49 strikes tops  
on her so far ~~but~~ think "Japs" will  
beat it with his next  
operation. still heading for port

June 13 In port, supposedly Lt. J. G. Jell  
didn't do much today.

June 14 Laying in Port. Lt. J. G. Jell or Sarnor

June 15 Went on a beer party on



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					Samar, rained all afternoon, got 2 cans of beer, rationed - saw a few Philippine women, the first woman I've seen since April 1944.
					Hotter day, met as I ever got.
June 16					Still loyng around and feel lazy - uncertain feeling as to whether we are going back or not.
June 17					Question of going back to states settled. Practically all hands turned to on provisioning ship for the "last operation" so called "last operation" never does seem to be the last one.
					Letter from Wm. Ralph in Army.
June 19					Loading ship letter from Hilda - mailed pictures home.
June 19					Beer party today - 2 <sup>N.S.</sup> cans - hot day. Harriet gone back today - Essex and us should go back next.
June 20					Post routine
Total time to date,					



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

June 21

Still port

June 22

Still in port ship paint

June 23

Kinawa declared officially war  
went to beach our beer party

came back feeling swell on. Weeks

Bourke, Stockton, Laker and

Lickenberger went over the hill

seen Laker and Stockton at

the beach today. Bourke swiped

a couple of 38's and ammunition

and gone for good the rest will

probably come back before we sail

June 24

Nothing much doing, turn up.

planes full passengers

June 25

Wata ship, 11 pecker over on

beach trying to get me some

~~be shell~~ necklaces. Sure funny,

but these Filipino girls look

okay after not seeing any girls

for over a year.



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Jan 26	In port - preparing to ship anchor in morning - not much doing - no mail				
Jan 27	Went out on simulated attacks and gunnery practice - a fighter plane coming in for a landing took a wave off but hooked a wire and went over the side, pilot got out of plane while it was dropping in the water and pulled him back aboard with a rope line, not hurt, unscrewed the catwalk and 40 <sup>mm</sup> gun and mount pulled back into port for repairs anchored at 1830. No mail				
Jan 28	Still in port - watch tonight - letter from Frank & Emma				
Jan 29	Made liberty on Sonoma, beer party, 3 cons rained like hell - no mail.				
Jan 30	Still in port - Haymer F.C. 2/c got hold of a live bird while working on gun mount #8 and electrocuted buried on Leyte, American Cemetery				
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
July 1	Pulled out of port at 0530 so far today just gunnery.
July 2	training flights and gunnery practice on sleeves.
July 3	same as yesterday - I got a bad cold today.
July 4	Independence Day - all day gunnery practice, got 2 drone planes - one C.H.P. type.
July 5	still cruising around and gunnery and plane practice.
July 6	Landed a F4U the only one ever to land on here otherwise same as yesterday
July 7	same as yesterday
July 8	Reveille at 0230 this morning, has been 0330 for the past few days. finished today, and took on one replacement F6F also got some mail. Oh boy my sugar report was great!?



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July 9	-	90	hops today on gunnery practice.		
			Three o'clock Reveille this morning		
			tomorrow we start striking		
			the northern part of Japan,		
			Honshu and Hokkaido Islands.		
			It looks like a rugged operation.		
			Foul weather all day today.		
			Our group consists of the		
			Bennington, Lexington, Hancock,		
			Bellau Woods and ourselves, the		
			San Jacinto. Bennington flies by		
July 10			Reveille at 02.55, first hop at		
			0400 for strafing attack on air-		
			fields north of Tokyo, F.B.M.'s made		
			two strikes during day, the whole		
			group sent every plane over twice.		
			no F.F. fire or air opposition		
			over target. We were 100 miles from		
			Jap mainland - general quarters all		
			day - no baggy		
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
July 11	Pulled away last night - about 300 miles from Tokyo - had some gunnery practice - we had revellie at 02.55 this morning. Had an 8 to 12 watch last night.
July 12	Fuel ship gunnery practice. Had revellie at 02.55 <del>PM</del> . Head north tonight - Hit Hakekaido.
July 13	Foul weather, high winds, heavy seas, driving rain. no flight at all, only a couple hundred miles from Hakekaido, had one general alarm, it was a weather phenomenon. Had revellie at 02.30. still staying around. There were submarines, Japs, all around us yesterday.



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July 14	<p>Hit the northern tip of Honshu with battle wagons and planes, also hit Hokkaido. The B.B. boomed off a big steel mill and harbor installations, raised hell in general. Some of our fighters flew C.H.P. over the B.B. while others blasted railroads and a couple of trains. Hit them with bombs, rockets and ammo. Cold weather in morning, one strike called back. Benellie at 02.30. Splashed two Betty's. No air opposition.</p>				
July 15	<p>Hit up and down Japan all day - B.B. cruisers and tori cons shelled the beach also. Cold weather, heavy swell, ship rolling and pitching heavily, good luck with the planes only one barrier crash. The water is green colored around her. Benellie at 02.30 this morning.</p>				
Total time to date,					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
July 16-45	<p>We fueled today and flew two 8 plane C.A.P. - was supposed to have <del>had</del> <sup>had</sup> <del>had</del> <sup>had</sup> routine. But as perceived they kept us PLANE CAPTAINS doing something most of the time. Had turkey for dinner. Why I don't know. The son for got another well done from the Chief of Staff. <sup>He went to</sup> <del>at</del> 02.50</p>
July 17-45	<p>We were supposed to hit a harbor north of Tokyo, but hops cancelled due to foul weather. Had the British Fleet with us this time. Now 4 groups. Try again tomorrow, <sup>Reveille</sup> at 02.30</p>
July 18-45	<p>Hit Tokyo and vicinity, tried to sink a B.B. under repair results uncertain, no air opposition so far, were firing</p>



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## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

July 22-45

Bevelie at 02:45,  
 No hops, gunnery practice.  
 Took on a new captain,  
 Goodwin, as relief for an-  
 present captain Bernode.  
 Flew aboard, T.B.M.

July 23-45

Bevelie at 02:45 - 1 C.F.1?  
 hop - slowly cruising toward  
 Jap mainland!

July 24-45

Hit Japs harbors and airfields  
 Our air group shot down  
 3 Franks and 1 Gedy-tark  
 group also ganged up and  
 bombed and rocketed ships.

C.V.<sup>5</sup> C.V.E. destroying B.E.  
 cruisers, transports and everything  
 in general - Big day  
 My 1st probe tomorrow.  
 My plane carrier crashed  
 in morning but flew in  
 afternoon anyway. <sup>Spent from ship</sup>  
 is the pilot of my  
 plane



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<p>July 25-45 - Raulle 03.00 - striking harbor area with 2000 lb, 1000 lb, 500 lbs bombs in morning, afternoon strike cancelled, weather. Various Jap aircraft in vicinity during day. Col. H. P. 3<sup>rd</sup> shot down three <sup>by British tank force</sup> Gracestonight, 1 Myit and also others. Small night out with bombs moon that we don't like. Several of our planes shot up last yesterday and today. T.B.M. hit the drink yesterday pilot and crewer saw 2 fighters down today and possibly another.</p>					
<p>July 26-45 - Fuel ship took on ammo bombs etc. belly tanks that I helped put up, 5 new plane replacements.</p>					
<p>July 27-45 - Drummy practice and took on ammunition - 1. C. A. P. pop.</p>					
<p>July 28-45 - Hit Kure again supposed to have sunk a B.B. Ise class</p>					
Total time to date,					



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

and the Cobra, a heavy cruiser  
also hit several other warships.  
A P.B.M. landed close to the harbor  
and rescued 17 pilots and crewmen  
who were shot down. Quite a  
few planes were shot up. Rogers  
a plane captain pulled the emergency  
bomb release on his T.B.M. and dumped  
4 500 lb bombs on the deck, scared  
hell out of everybody. Bogeys on the  
screen on and off all day.

July 29-45 Pulled out of strike area  
and took it easy most of day - (hope  
C.H.P. - Sub. reported in area tonight).

July 30-45 Big raid on Kure again. as  
our air group hit at an airfield  
my plane with the shipper flying  
got an ack ack burst in the wing  
another plane got in the wing also  
heavy seas and swells



Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
July 31 - 45					
Pulled away from strike area this morning after 0800, B.B. and Orvises scudded the beach - loading for fuel					
Aug 1 - 45					
Fueled ship also took on ammo and bombs - how heavy weather security as there is a typhoon in the vicinity, the ship is really rolling and pitching - been around typhoons all week - rugged deal. Tomorrow's strike is cancelled. Signed my liberty card today, indication that we may head for the states - 5 new plane replacements, 2 B.M. 3 F.6K					
Aug 2 - 45					
Went around a typhoon last night and coming up behind it today - no strikes - gunnery practice and tow hops -					
Aug 3 - 45					
Not much doing - 1 F.S.P. hop and 3 tow planes for gunnery					
Total time to date,					



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

Aug 4 - 45 Frances Keith day, didn't even send a card, got something at Pearl gunnery practice, also simulated dive and torpedo attacks, good runs.

Heading east since 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Aug 5 - 45 Just cruising around, mostly east, around Iwo Jima this morning sighted Jap transport, escorts and hospital ships this afternoon - bombed all planes but did not take off practice bombs today.

Aug 6 - 45 Nice weather today, gunnery practice and 1 ship for the target towing planes and 1 c.r.p. - heading north tonight. Scuttlebutt has it that a B-13 and carrier were hit by shell hitting at Wake Island yesterday.

Aug 7 - 45 Going west toward Hokkaido gunnery practice today, fueled ships, heard over radio of a new bomb, atomic type that they tried on Jap. most powerfully yet.



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Aug 8-45					
No. hops today due to foggy weather Japs planes around all day - supposed to strike Hokkaido - maybe tomorrow - lot of talk about this new atomic bomb they ought to send us back to the states soon, I hope - 17 months so far and haven't been to Pearl since last May 1st 1944 - biggest strike of carrier duty so far Aug 9-45 Hit the north part of Honshu, destroyed a lot of planes on the ground estimated in the hundreds - splashed about 9 zeke's fuel's and graves around the task force today - atomic bomb hit Yagasaki on northern Kyushu. try it again tomorrow I guess.					
Aug 10-45					
Great day for the San Jac air group - destroyed about 68 planes on the nearest count and guess that all together they got a couple hundred planes a well done by the task group commander supposed to have been our last strike then head for states but operation extended Total time to date, a couple of weeks					



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
FMN 7c	Patrick Washington Summerville, Ohio
LT. J. G.	GEORGE W. BUSH GROVE LANE GREENWICH CONN.
FMN 7c	John M. Fregulia 1125-A-65th Avenue Oakland California
AMN 7c	John H Meeker Killsboro Oregon Rt. 2
	Jack E. Schmidt 195 Santa Rita Ave Palo Alto, Calif.



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Aug 11-45	Fuel ship,	also a little chow and ammo.	Frank Young woke me up last night and said that Japan would peace terms. Heavy weather security as there is a typhoon about 500 miles away. Well, we may hit the states after all.		
Aug 12-45	cruising close to Japan, expecting surrender. now 20:30 and no word yet, expect to bomb tomorrow morning. have 10 percent of crew rigged for occupational force, no one from air department. we are in typhoon area and may pass through one tonight. Heavy security.				
Aug 13-45	Hit 5 airfields around Hanko. burned 14, planes destroyed about half dozen more. Japs around us most of day seen splashed on our starboard side. splashed at least six after chow tonight, Drvinga, Wicks, Myrds, Judy, Frank etc. may fuel tomorrow.				
Total time to date					



## PASSENGERS

## REMARKS

Aug 14-45 Fuelled ship, took on chow as we were close to anchor it still isn't to good. Got the word that we are entitled to six combat stars and two Philippine Liberation stars. But I bet Japan has accepted our surrender terms but not official word yet, we are due to strike Japan again tomorrow. Haven't made home for 46 days now. Yella's birthday today. Belled several thousand rounds of 50 caliber ammo today, am sure tired tonight.

Aug 15-45 Sent a bombing strike out at 05:30 this morning, but were called back due to Japanese surrendering but our C.A.P. shot down six Japs and the Belcow Ward C.A.P. got five before they got the word. Had general quarters this afternoon and we shot down 4 Japs around the task groups - I guess they



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					<p>           didn't believe in quitting. The war may be over in the states but it's still going on out here. It looks like we may go back to the states after all, were hoping. After all the war is over as far as organized resistance goes and everybody is happy. This is our 46 day at sea. This air group has 13 planes to its credit and about a hundred on the ground, also hits on various B.D. cruises B.D. etc. My father is celebrating by opening a can of sardines, in fact the captain's sardines that were swiped. They is getting the bread if he can talk fast enough, I'll furnish the can opener and Johnny the appetite.         </p>

Total time to date,



PASSENGERS	REMARKS
Aug 16-45	Not much flying today, town keeps quarters for minutes and presentation of awards - squadron all packed and ready to leave any time - occupation force from ship ready to leave. movies tonight.
Aug 17-45	Not much doing - all task groups drew in close, quite a few cors, cruisers, B.B.s and about 17 carriers, a lot of ships. 1 town keep of 3 planes -
Aug 18-45	Fueled ship this morning. gunnery practice at drone planes. plane handlers firing the H.H. guns in place of gunnery crew who are going ashore at Japan.
Aug 19-45	50th day at sea - Marine gunners left on occupational duty on Japan - took on mail first time in 5 weeks.
Aug 20-45	Took on ammunition and bombs - <del>Left</del> got Lt Gendert address of Lt. Sque of leaving in morning



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Aug 21-45					
- Air group 49 left for Batavia in exchange for P.O. 47 typhoon in area - heavy security on ship, and planes. Good day all S. 11/9. F. 14.					
Aug 22-45					
- All planes in task group flew today in search of strength New air group seems friendly just found out Bill Wiffle on board - knew him at Livermore					
Aug 23-45					
Just laid around played ball for a while, can't take it, no wind. Captain Kennell being relieved tomorrow we have to stick around, don't know how long chase has been from and don't know when we will get any.					
Aug 24-45					
- This is our 55 <sup>th</sup> day out. Capt. Kennell left today. Captains ins- pection this morning, a fast one					
Total time to date,					



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## REMARKS

Captain Goodwin now in command.  
our 3<sup>rd</sup> captain and 4<sup>th</sup> squadron.

Played miniature softball for an  
1 1/2 hours. the most strenuous I've had  
for 16 months, he stiff tomorrow.

Aug 25-45 Had a 28 plane C.F.P. over  
Japan to look the situation over  
nice weather around here-northern

Japan - same thing tomorrow.

Aug 26-45 57<sup>th</sup> day out - sent out 40

fighter planes on C.F.P. over Japan, also  
4 torpedo planes with supplies for the  
prisoners of war but could not  
drop them on account of foggy weather.

one fighter plane of ours went into  
the water and exploded and burned, but  
the pilot who is the squadron  
commander got out. Ok. There are a  
couple of typhoons around us that  
will delay the occupation forces for  
a couple of days. The weather and



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<p>seas are getting pretty rough. What a life, if you're not fighting Japs you're the weather and seas to keep afloat.</p> <p>We are practically out of chow and starting tomorrow we eat two meals a day and as we get up at 3 or 3:30 and go to bed at 8 or 9 it's a long day. The war may be over in the states but we can't see it out here.</p> <p>- Aug 27 - 45 - Had one heap of 16 fighters and 8 B-17 who flew over the P.O.W. camps in Japan and dropped welfare packages for the inmates - they were glad to see our flyers. Our planes made a twilight landing with a rolling sea and one hit the barriers.</p> <p>We got the word today from the captain who said we should be in Frisco by the 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup></p>					
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of next month. We really whooped it up and are already figuring on how to spend their leave or maybe get out of the Army.

Aug 28-45 Took on some passengers today while fueling ship, the more we take on the sooner we go back.

Aug 29-45 Our planes flew over the P.O.W. camps again today and dropped some more welfare bundles - the planes fly low over the camp and drop these bundles that weigh about 85 lbs and have small parachutes taken from planes. The pilots say the prisoners of war really go wild when they fly over - sure like to take a hop.

Aug 30-45 Same as yesterday - we get up at 03:00 every morning and the planes take off at 04:30 and fly off and on all day - The captain



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<p>passed the word tonight that we cease operations tomorrow afternoon when we are relieved by another carrier; we then cruise 500 miles south and take on replenishment the next day and then rendezvous that night and the following day we head for the states. all I can say, it's about time.</p>					
Aug 31-45	Plans changed - Fuel ship this morning, took on provisions, some passengers - no hops -				
Sept 1-45	62 <sup>nd</sup> day at sea - no hops, although we were standing by for one - removed all towing gear to another ship - starting south tonight to rendezvous with other fleet and take on passengers.				
Sept 2-45	Picked up the other fleet this morning including the <del>Essex</del>				
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	Essex, Massachusetts, San Juan and others that are going to states, took off our supply of aviation gas and took on passengers, also our Marine detachment that occupied Yokosuka Naval Base on Tokyo Bay. They had some interesting stories to tell.
+ Sept 3 - 45	our torpedo plane has as we head for states - Its captain here we come from now on.
	Some of the boys have the required 44 points for discharge and are they happy. I've got 37 now and if I was married I'd be out also. Won't be in poker game
Sept 4 - 45	Had 2 T.B.H. boys going north by northeast. Got 3, poker.
Sept 4	Still heading N. N. E.
Sept 5	" " "
Sept 6	" " "



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Sept 7	-			Crossed the International date line at 11.15 this morning now cruising on standard time - It was Friday yesterday and it's Friday today - heading E. N. E. - weather about 40° sea kind of rolling - no flying the last few days.	
Sept 8	45			Still on course - E N E - 60	
Sept 9	45			Same as yesterday - E N E - 60 weather cold about 40° Fahr.	
Sept 10				changed course about 06.30 to E 90° - sunny and cold.	
Sept 11	45			about 30 men transferring over to Casey as it will anchor in Puget Sound and will make it easier for them men to get home We are going to Frisco. - today is over 74 <sup>th</sup> day at sea	

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